Tariff rates for the sale of timber.

147. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(a) whether any tariff rates have been fixed by the Government for the sale of teak and other varieties of timber at the Government depot;

(b) if so, what were the rates in 1103 for the different varieties of timber?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) No.

(b) In view of the answer to (a), no answer is necessary.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Is timber generally sold at the Government depots by private sale to contractors?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Not latterly.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Till which year was it sold so?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Last year we were selling. To anybody who came for it we used to sell it.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—These individual logs used to be valued.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Was it at the discretion of the officer to conduct the sale?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

Royalty realised by Government for cutting timber.

148. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(a) the amount realised in 1103 by way of royalty with respect to trees cut down from registered holdings;

(b) the quantity of timber cut down in 1103 under the above head?

Mr. K. Govinda Monon.—(a) Rs. 24,283-9-10.

(b) Candies 1882-10-18-14¾ besides 68 trees sold for a lump sum.

The Diwanship of the Cochin State.

149. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(a) the period for which His Highness the Maharaja has been pleased to appoint the present Diwan;

(b) whether the Government has received memorials praying that His Highness the Maharaja may be pleased to appoint a son of the soil in the Diwanship when the present incumbent vacates his office;

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(c) how many such memorials have been received and from whom;

(d) may the House know the policy which the Darbar proposes to adopt in this behalf?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 468 of the Legislative Session of 1101.

(b), (c) and (d). Government regret that these questions cannot be answered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I am referred to answer to question No. 468, and there it is said that the information cannot be divulged, as it is contained in a confidential paper. May I know whether there are other appointments the papers regarding which are confidential?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I think it is not a supplementary question.

President.—That question does not arise.

150. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the date on which the present Diwan was appointed as Diwan;

(b) what is his present age;

(c) when is the period of his Diwanship to expire;

(d) when did he attain his 55th year?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) In Medam 1100.

(b) Fifty-nine.

(c) Vide answer to question No. 468 of the Legislative Session of 1101.

(d) In 1100.

Sanskrit Patasalas in the State.

151. **Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform this Council:—

(a) the total number of Sanskrit Patasalas in the State;

(b) the strength of each such Patasala;

(c) the qualifications required for appointment as teachers in such Patasalas;

(d) whether in any of such Patasalas fees are levied for tuition;

(e) what the grant allowed by Government to each of such Patasala is;

(f) on what principle the grants allowed to such Patasalas are based;

(g) whether the policy adopted with regard to the giving of grants to other schools in the State is followed with reference to Sanskrit Patasalas also;

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